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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TOKUMARU, Yoshihisa, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1624**

Serial No.: **10/574,279**

Examiner: **BERCH, Mark L.**

Filed: **March 31, 2006**

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For: **PENAM CRYSTALS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 9, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2008, extended from November 12, 2008, to January 12, 2009, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page five of this paper.